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AN ACCOUNT OF YOUR MEETING WITH LE DUC THO YESTERDAY APPEARS ON PAGE ONE OF THIS MORNING'S POST. THE ACCOUNT NOTES THAT EVEN THE PARTING HANDSHAKE COULD NOT DISPEL THE SUDDENLY PESSIMISTIC PUBLIC CLIMATE SURROUNDING THE TALKS. THIS, IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE FRENCH MEDIA REPORTS OF AN EARLY SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT, AND LATER COMMUNIST CHARGES AT THE FORMAL PUBLIC PEACE CONFERENCE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE DEADLOCKED. ACCORDING TO THE STORY, THE SUBDUED MOOD OF THE DAY WAS FURTHER REINFORCED BY SCHUMANN'S FAILURE TO COMMENT ON THE LUNCHEON TO WHICH HE INVITED YOU. (A-1)

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REMAINS IN CRITICAL COND FION. (A-1)

APOLLO 17 CONTINUES ON A TRUE COURSE, AND ALL IS WELL IN THE FLIGHT. THE MOON LANDING IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY AFTERNOON. (A-1)

A FEDERAL JUDGE IN LOS ANGELES THREW OUT A LARGE PORTION OF THE EVIDENCA THE GOVERNMENT HAD PLANNED TO USE AGAINST ELLSBERG AND RUSSO. THE JUDGE RULED THE PROSECUTION COULD NOT SHOW THE JURY 1#2 OF THE 610 PAGES OF THE PENTAGON PAPERS. ON THE SURFACE, THE RULING IS A SETBACK FOR THE PROSECUTION. (A-5)

IN BRUSSELS, SECRETARY ROGERS TOLD THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS THAT THE U.S. WANTS A COMMITMENT FROM THE USSR TO BEGIN SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF MILITARY FORCES N CENTRAL EUROPE BY NEXT FALL. (A-20)

AT THE UN, A GROUP OF WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS-- BRITAIN, BELGIUM, FRANCE, ITALY AND LUXEMBOURG -- INTRODUCED A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION THAT INVITES STATES "TO AVOID ACTIONS, INCLUDING AID, WHICH COULD CONSTITUTE RECOGNITION" OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES. THE AMENDED VERSION ATSO EXCLUDED A DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES. THE VOTE IS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY. (A-25)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

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SOUTH VIETNAM'S FOREIGN MINISTER LAM SAID TODAY THAT THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT "WOULD NOT REFUSE TO DO WHATEVER CAN BE DONE TO FREE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR." LAM ALSO STATED THAT SAIGON COULD AGREE TO RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ITS JAILS TO HELP BRING ABOUT AN ACCEPTABLE CEASE-FIRE ACCORD. (A-1)

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DECLARED, TO CHECK ON HOW THE TRUCE IS BEING OBSERVED. THE TRAINED
CORPS OF OBSERVERS WILL MAKE ACCURATE REPORTS TO WASHINGTON ON
POSTWAR POLITICAL AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. (A-1)

INDIA AND PAKISTAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THEY HAVE RESOLVED THE DEADLOCK OVER DESIGNATION OF A CEASE-FIRE LINE IN KASHMIR. (A-7)

GOLDA MEIR WARNED THE ISRAELI PEOPLE THAT BECAUSE OF ARMS SHIP-MENTS TO THE ARABS AND DOMESTIC PROBLEMS SADAT IS HAVING IN EGYPT, WAR MIGHT BREAK OUT ALONG THE BORDER. (A-9)

YOUR PICTURE APPEARS ON PAGE 10, ALONG WITH LE DUC THO, LEAVING THE HOUSE IN GIF-SUR-YVETTE WHERE YOU HELD THE TALKS YESTERDAY.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

A SPOKESMAN FOR HANOI AND THE VIET CONG TOLD NEWSMEN AT THE SEMI-PUBLIC PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE THAT THE FINAL VERSION OF THE TREATY MUST MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS NOW HELD IN SOUTH VIETNAMESE JAILS. (A-1)

WHILE VISITING MOSCOW, CHILEAN PRESIDENT ALLENDE WAS PROMISED CONTINUING SUPPORT FROM ALEXEI KOSYGIN. SOURCES IN MOSCOW QUOTE KOSYGIN AS SAYING THAT CHILE AND CUBA ARE BLAZING A NEW PATH FOR LATIN AMERICAN SOCIALISM. (A-5)

MARQUIS CHILDS ADDS HIS VIEWS ON THE ABLE ENVOY AMBASSADOR BUSH HAS BEEN AT THE UN. CHILDS INDICATES HOW BUSH HAS WARDED OFF RECENT CHARGES AT THE U.S. BY THE SOVIETS AND CHILEANS, AND HOW HE HAS MAINTAINED THE AMERICAN LINE.

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